Bible Backgrounds

A Study in Culture, Customs, and Manners

Poorly Planned Company Slogans

- KFC
  - “Finger Lick’n Good” = Eat your fingers off
- Chevy
  - “Nova” = No go
- Pepsi
  - “Come Alive with the Pepsi Generation” = It will bring your ancestors back from the dead
- Parker Pen
  - “It never leaks” = It won’t leak in your pocket and make you pregnant

Language Matters

Odd Cultural Actions

- Tooth Fairy
  - Throwing your teeth on the roof (Greece)
- Shaking hands
  - Bowing (Japan)
  - Shaking hands with nose and forehead touching (New Zealand)

Context Matters


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Four Areas of Study

- The Home
  - Family and Education
- Common Items
  - Clothing, Dwellings and Food
- Trades
  - Agriculture, Animals and Craftsmen
- Customs
  - Towns, Hospitality and Politics

The Home

Family and Education

The Family Unit

- Nuclear vs. extended families
  - Lk. 2:41-43
- Inheritance
  - Ex: Prodigal Son
  - Ex: Joseph
- Children
  - Gn. 30:1
  - Lk. 2:24

The Family Unit

- Marriage
  - Covenant (Gn. 24:67)
  - Dowry
    - Lk. 15:8-10
  - Believer w/ Believer
    - Lev. 18:6-18
    - II Cor. 6:14
  - Betrothal
  - Feast
    - Mt. 22:11-13



Education

- Ps. 19:9-10
- Ez. 3:1-3

